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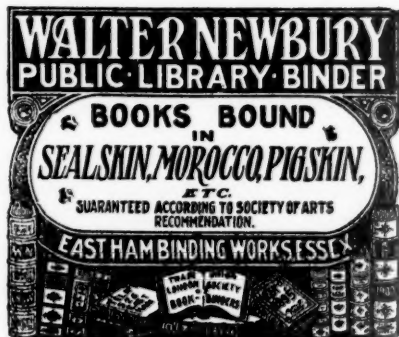
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Twenty-seventh Inaugural Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th October, at 7 p.m., at the Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N., through the kind offices of Mr. George Preece, F.L.A., Chief Librarian. **Mr. J. C. Squire, M.A.**, Editor of the "London Mercury," will address the meeting on

"The Librarian, The Classics and Contemporary Literature," and Alderman H. J. Beavis, Chairman of the Libraries Committee, will preside.

Light refreshments will be served between 7 and 7.30 p.m.

In view of the occasion and of the prominent position held by Mr. Squire in the world of literature, the Council again expresses the hope that members will make the meeting widely known so that there may be a large attendance.

Bus Routes: Busses 67 and 73 pass the Library door, 21, 21a and 76 pass end of Church Street. No. 106 to Abney Park Cemetery. Tram Nos. 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51 and 75 pass end of Church Street.

The November Meeting will take place at Bedford College, Regent's Park, when Miss Paterson, Librarian of the College, will address the Association. Ladies are specially invited to this meeting. Members will be privileged to view the College.

Provisional arrangements for the coming Session :—

December. Meeting at Fulham. [Subject to be announced].

January. Meeting at Croydon. Paper on "Library Finance."

February. A full discussion of the Council's Reconstruction proposals.

May 17th. Excursion—Meeting at Watford.

The Council also has under consideration the possibility of a three day conference in connection with the Annual Meeting in June.

Arrangements for special meetings of the Junior Section of the Association have been entrusted to Mr. F. A. Richards (Bethnal Green) and Mr. Victor Woods (Stoke Newington), who have been co-opted to the Education Committee for the purpose.

Junior Members interested in the section, please communicate with Mr. Richards.

Notice to Members.—The Honorary Treasurer desires to remind members that Subscriptions for 1921-22 are now due, and he will be glad to receive them as early as possible. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed, Barclay's Bank, Clapham Junction Branch.

New members are urgently needed, and it would be an encouragement to the Council if all those who enjoy the advantages of the association would endeavour to persuade a colleague to join our ranks.

Ancient Mariner's Letter.—A correspondent signing himself "Ancient Mariner" raised a very vexed and important question in the letter printed in our last issue, and one that ought to receive most careful consideration by assistants and by the Association representing them. We hope that its Education Committee will see its way to set aside one of the monthly meetings this session to a full discussion of the question of the general and professional education of the aspiring library assistant. Suffice it to say for the moment that it has been apparent to us of late that we have erred in the past in laying too much stress on the importance of the latter, rather to the neglecting of the former. We are confirmed in our opinion by the fact that the Library Association (see L.A.R., August, 1921) has revised its Examination rules with a view not merely to raising the standard of the professional examinations but of setting a higher standard of general education. Not only is it proposed to raise the age limit at which candidates may present themselves for examination in the sectional subjects, but it proposes to substitute higher general educational tests, the substitution of the Oxford or Cambridge Senior Local Examinations for instance, instead of the Junior. For our own part, we are in entire agreement with this change, our experience of the average junior assistant from the elementary school being that he is launched into a career for which he is absolutely unfitted; he is encouraged to sit for examinations in library routine and what not, while he cannot write two consecutive sentences of decent English, to say nothing of being absolutely ignorant of even the most outstanding facts of English literature.

We cannot pursue the subject further at the moment, but in welcoming the views of the assistants who are most affected, we should like to say that our advice to them respecting educational versus professional training is to make up their minds to "matriculate" and to let everything else wait until they have done so.

Mrs. Thrale's Marriage Settlement.—An interesting outcome of the Lichfield meeting of our Midland Branch, last March, has been the depositing of a photo-stat copy of the above document, in which Dr. Johnson is nominated as a trustee, at the Johnson Birthplace Library at Lichfield. This has only been possible by the kindness of Mr. John Ballinger, C.B.E., M.A., Librarian of the National Library of Wales, who, with permission of Mr. John Cater, J.P., D.L., High Sheriff of Norfolk, and owner of the original, had the copy made and forwarded to the Trustees of the Birthplace Library, through the Secretary of the Midland Branch.

School of Librarianship.—The Evening Lectures in Literary History have been set down in the time-table provisionally for Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.45 and 8 p.m. If, however, earlier hours or other evenings would be convenient to a majority of part-time students, the Director will be glad to change the time.

The first lectures will be given on October 5th and 10th, when the subject of hours will be discussed. The Director will be glad to receive suggestions, meanwhile, from any students who propose to join.

The lectures on Literary History (B) set down in the time-table for Thursday at 3 will, after the 6th October, be given on Tuesday at 3.

Next Council Meeting.—The October Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the National Library for the Blind, 18, Tufton Street, Westminster, at 7.30 p.m. Committees will meet at 7 p.m.

The Vice-President.—The enthusiasm of Mr. E. C. Wickens, our Vice-President, was demonstrated last month by the fact that he journeyed from Liverpool to London and back expressly to attend the monthly meeting of the Council. Such enthusiasm is highly commendable and worthy of emulation.

The Roll and Album of Honour.—It was decided at the last meeting of the Council to close the Association's Roll of Honour and the Album of Portraits, and the Council will be

grateful if all librarians and assistants who have not yet done so will forward to the Honorary Editor a short record of their service, together with a portrait if possible. To afford an opportunity for this to be done, the records will be kept open until the 20th October. The records and portraits of fallen library workers are specially required.

Defaulting Members.—The Council will be glad if members who are in arrears with their subscriptions will forward the same without delay either to the General Honorary Treasurer or to their Branch Treasurer as the case may require. Those who do not propose to renew their membership are requested to notify the fact, and are further reminded that they are debtors to the Association for the value of the journals which they have received.

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THE MANCHESTER CONFERENCE OF 1921.

By "ONE OF THE SMALL FRY."

Those who visited the wonderful Ford Motor Works on Thursday afternoon were much amused by the large printed notice which graced the entrance to the Works Office: "Glide in. State your business. Glide out." This best describes the spirit in which the 44th Annual Conference of the Library Association was planned and carried out this year at Manchester. From the moment the official visit commenced at the Conference Office until the curtain fell upon the "Second House" at the Palace of Varieties, we seemed to be "gliding in," doing the business of the moment, and "gliding out" from early morning till late at night. It conveys more than can be imagined when it is said that from Monday afternoon until Friday evening the whole Conference went with a hasteless rush and a clocklike precision which revealed a genius for organization and stage management of the highest order of conception and execution. The preliminary business of registration over we were all provided with the indispensable button, the printed numbered list of delegates, etc., (number hunting is one of the minor joys of the Conference) and a packet of miscellaneous pamphlets, instructions, guides,

programmes, etc. Starting with a modest amount of Conference literature, we accumulated at the end of the week a formidable mass of stuff sufficient indeed to form the nucleus of a respectable commercial library. Judging by the daily announcements which Mr. Jast thought it necessary to make at the morning session, one is convinced that the librarian who does *not* read is lost, for in spite of the fact that the daily programme of events was printed in terms simple, plain and clear, some managed to muddle their arrangements and confuse themselves.

The events fell into three classes: Business; Visits; Social.

The opening session was held at the Town Hall, when the Lord Mayor in a few words extended to all a real Lancashire welcome. The retiring President gave a few of his graceful happy phrases and expressed genuine thanks and pleasure for the past year's honour; but he stated that with the ending of his year of office his interest in the Association had not ended also. The new President, one of the Association's oldest friends and workers, and honoured high amongst Manchester's honoured citizens, delivered a very practical and businesslike address—heard by all! It is a great pity indeed that the same cannot be said of many of the readers of papers who followed during the week. Dr. Cowley chatted pleasantly about "The Recent history of the Bodleian Library," Miss Rita Oldham, O.B.E., M.A., President of the Headmistresses' Association, dealt with libraries from her profession's viewpoint, and made several excellent suggestions. Her quotations were many, apt, and varied, including one which many members of our profession might well take to heart to their own advantage, the benefit of the Association, and the good of the profession—"without true humility there can be no humanity."

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who, remembering the high position Mr. Ballinger holds in the profession, considered his subject rather commonplace and his remarks, at times, somewhat trite. Mr. Berwick Sayers spoke as he only can upon one of his many pet subjects "The Institute International de Bibliographie;" every word of his address could be heard with perfect ease. Two short papers on the (1) "Motor Van Exchange of Manchester" and (2) "Book Exchange Service of Glasgow" indicated the progress of events and successful methods of annihilating time and space. The International Labour Office (League of Nations), Geneva, was fully and pleasantly explained by Miss H. A. Lake, B.Sc. Three short (in name only) papers on "Works Libraries" by the Librarians of the Dunlop Rubber Company, Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co. Ltd., and Messrs. Rowntree's Works, Ltd., introduced another phase of Librarianship. Mr. John H. Swann's bright and rippling paper on "The Representation of Modern Poetry in Public Libraries" provided a much appreciated relief from the commercialism of the other papers, and it was a happy inspiration of the Chairman to alter the programme so as to sandwich this literary effort between the Works Libraries' papers and Mr. Acland Taylor's valuable contribution "Twelve months work in a commercial Library." The wine of the papers was suitably served up at the final session when Miss Jessie Carson, Director of Library Department, Comité Américain pour les Régions Dévastées de la France, told us in a delightfully intimate and cheerful way of the very human work that is being done in France. A real cinema show followed as a grand finale. The appreciation and applause which concluded this free show would have aroused pangs of envy in the illustrious Charley. One wonders to what dizzy heights of popularity our libraries will reach when the film eventually comes inside to shake hands with our books.

The visits were to the magnificent John Rylands' library, with its mediaeval atmosphere and "dim religious light," where a wonderful array of its world renowned bibliographical treasures was pleasingly displayed for the sheer joy and envy of all book-lovers—an aesthetic treat; to the old world Hospital and Library of Humphrey Cheetham—all honour to his charity—a place strangely contrasting with the dominating industrialism of the city and affording a happy retreat for a long and lingering visit; to the spacious and progressive University with its roomy halls, museum, already over-crowded library and comfortable students' quarters; to the greatest industrial centre of the world, Trafford Park, where we wandered in wonder and amazement through the fascinating yet noisy Ford motor works, the Metropolitan-Vickers huge electrical factory, the thoroughly modern wool warehouses, and

experienced a North Pole shiver in the latest Cold Storage; and lastly, a trip down the Manchester Ship Canal, which, though not exactly a Thames picnic party, nevertheless revealed to us something of the industrial activity, the business genius and enterprise, and the engineering miracles of this wonderful age.

The Social round opened with a hearty reception by the Local Committee at the City's Art Gallery. A pleasant concert of music, vocal and orchestral, arranged no doubt to the level of the surroundings and the occasion, occupied the time enjoyably. The Lord Mayor's Reception at the Town Hall scaled to ambitious heights and provided an opportunity for all and sundry to shine in all their glory. The third reception was held at the Whitworth Art Gallery, when the *pièce de résistance* was an exhibition of clever eurythmic dancing by a talented group of youngsters.

The Lord Mayor's Garden Party in Heaton Park evidenced once again the amazing generosity, open heartedness and thoroughness of our Northern hosts. Unfortunately, owing to our late arrival the time was all too short and hurried, thoroughly to enjoy the dazzling feast for eyes, mouth, and ear.

The Conference Dinner was equal to the moment; the "glide" spirit seemed behind everything and everybody; the speeches were excellent, short and to the point, with a plentiful supply of wit and humour. The end came with a visit to the "Second House" at the local Palace of Varieties — *facilis est descensus Averni*? But even librarians are sometimes human. A word should be said for the thorough arrangements for personal comfort and convenience at the Municipal College of Technology. But was it not rather unfortunate that the commodious and attractive smoke room happened to be exactly facing the Conference Hall—too easy to succumb to the seductive charms of the former and "glide" readily from the hall of duty to a stolen hour of laziness.

Saturday brought the inevitable dispersal. Whatever views one may hold as to the beauties of Manchester only one opinion can be held as to its people; and all who were fortunate enough to attend the 44th Annual Conference will ever remember with gratitude and pleasure the open handedness, the kind heartedness, and thoroughness of the Manchester folk—of their kindness we truly say "the music in our hearts we bore, long after it was heard no more." The Annual Meeting was a farce, but the financial position is akin to a tragedy.

PROCEEDINGS.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

The Summer Meeting of the Branch was held at Warwick on June 2nd. The party assembled at the County Hall, at 3 p.m., and paid a visit to the Castle under the guidance of Mrs. Lapworth, a member of the County Education Staff, while the remainder visited some Elizabethan houses under the leadership of Mr. Duncan Gray, F.L.A., the Warwickshire County Librarian. The Beauchamp Chapel in St. Mary's Church, and the Leicester Hospital were also visited.

Major F. Glover, J.P., Chairman of the Library Sub-Committee of the County Education Committee, kindly entertained the members to tea. The evening meeting was held in the County Hall, where a Court of Justice was placed at the disposal of the gathering.

Major Glover, on behalf of the Warwickshire Education Committee, extended a most hearty welcome to the Association. He paid tribute to the progress made during his lifetime in the status of the profession and in public library method. He rejoiced that a retired policeman or obsolete schoolmaster was no longer considered by library committees to be an ideal librarian. He paid tribute to our organisation and dwelt on the advantages of organised meetings to stimulate interest in the profession and all for which it stood.

In the unavoidable absence of Captain R. T. Hills, M.B.E., Mr. Light, a staff lecturer to the Education Committee, dealt with his subject, *viz.*, "Educational opportunities." Mr. Light emphasised the necessity of co-operation between the teaching profession and the library profession to obtain the best and make the most of educational opportunities.

Mr. Duncan Gray, F.L.A., then read his paper on "Some of the problems of Rural Library Schemes." The paper dealt with the problems which had arisen during the operation of the rural library scheme in Warwickshire, and also with the remedies applied to overcome the difficulties.

As no member had had experience in rural library administration the discussion largely developed upon the question of fiction issues.

Mr. H. Grindle (Birmingham) considered the percentage of fiction provided (50 per cent. or 60 per cent. with juvenile) a fair one. The greatly increased percentage in fiction issues was not one for alarm. Most of our literary monuments are works of fiction, and fiction has a definite instructional value apart from its pure pleasure or light form of word construction. He also pointed out how statistics were often fallacious, and particularly fiction statistics.

Mr. G. L. Burton (Birmingham) suggested the large percentage of fiction issues was due to the recent innovation of the scheme. He welcomed the evidence that people in the rural areas were taking advantage of their opportunity to secure books, and considered that with a growing appreciation of literature as its natural outcome, the value of serious works would be more appreciated and the percentage of issues readjust itself.

Mr. H. W. Cashmore (Birmingham) also contributed to the discussion and paid high tribute to the work done by Mr. Duncan Gray. It seemed but a few months since Mr. Gray commenced his duties at Warwick, yet in this time he had evolved and organised a smooth working system of library administration which penetrated into the most remote parts of the county. The amount of work done seemed amazing, as in addition to the creation of a

library and a library system from nothing. Mr. Gray had, single handed, produced two excellent catalogues, that of the Student's Library amounting to 234 pp. of close print.

Votes of thanks to Major F. Glover, Mr. Light and Mr. Duncan Gray concluded a most happy and profitable meeting. The success of the meeting was chiefly due to Mr. Gray, who once more showed his keen interest in the Branch by making the whole of the arrangements.

NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

A SUCCESSFUL LIVERPOOL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the North-Western Branch (Liverpool and District Division) of the Library Assistants' Association, Mr. E. C. Wickens (Divisional Chairman) dealt in a distinctly "live" manner with the present and future position of the Public Library movement. He emphasized the necessity for complete unity of action, and the need for a definite constructive programme.

A very pleasing and instructive feature of the meeting was the address delivered by Mr. Henrik J. Hjartoy, Chief Librarian of Rjukan, Norway. Mr. Hjartoy, who is on an extended visit to Great Britain for the purpose of studying Public Library methods in this country, gave an illuminating account of the progress of the library movement in Norway, and instanced many points of difference between British and Norwegian practice.

"The Place of the Film in Modern Education" was the title of a thoughtful paper by Mr. M. J. Wrigley, who briefly outlined the scope of his new book on the subject, shortly to be issued by Messrs. Grafton.

Miss Muriel Wickens, at the pianoforte, gave an excellent rendering of "Finlandia," the "Valse Triste," and other selections from the works of Jean Sibelius.

A most successful evening was brought to a close by a handsome present being made to Mr. S. A. Firth, Divisional Honorary Secretary, who is shortly leaving this district, on appointment to the Sheffield Public Libraries. Mr. J. T. Evans was elected Honorary Secretary, in succession to Mr. Firth.

PUBLICATIONS.

Amongst the interesting publications that we have received lately are the following:—

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Catalogue of the War Poetry Collection.

This unique collection has been presented to the Libraries by an anonymous donor in memory of Private W. J. Billington, who fell in action in Palestine in 1918. It is displayed in a special case, which together with the catalogue is also the gift of the donor of the collection. The latter, which is excellently produced, comprises sixty large octavo pages, and is arranged in order of nationalities, with, of course, a very large preponderance of English verse. It is the intention to add to the collection as opportunity serves, and the Chief Librarian will be glad to hear of possible additions either as gifts or by purchase.

GRAY, G. J. John Siberch: the first Cambridge printer, 1521-22. 25 pp. 2s. 6d. (Cambridge: Bowes & Bowes).

A pamphlet of considerable interest to students of historical bibliography, prepared in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of printing at Cambridge.

NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND. Report 1920-21.

An exceedingly interesting record of a year's work achieved by this invaluable institution.

We advise all librarians whose libraries are not working in co-operation with the National Library to procure copies of this Report and introduce it to their Committees. During the year under review no fewer than 637 new complete works in Braille were added to the library, while the total number of additional volumes was no less than 10,215. The issues from the Central Library were 119,432 volumes, and from the Northern Branch at Manchester, 30,893. The number of public libraries receiving books from the National Library stands at 117.

ISLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Reader's Hand-book: a guide to the libraries and an elementary hand-book on the use of books. 12 pp.

In addition to the rules and regulations, this useful little publication contains practical information on how to use the public libraries to the greatest advantage, and, what is more important still, on how to use the books themselves. It is a pamphlet that might well be placed in the hands of every new junior assistant as well as of every would be borrower.

GLASGOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES. WOODSIDE DISTRICT LIBRARY. Guide for Young Readers.

This is without doubt the best juvenile catalogue that has appeared in this country for very many years, and Mr. Pitt is to be congratulated on its excellence and thanked for the service he has rendered, not only to the community of Glasgow, but to every librarian in the country, by providing a guide which can be used without difficulty in connection with any young readers' library.

The first part is arranged in an alphabet of authors and titles; the second, and in our judgment the invaluable portion, is arranged in the *full* Dewey order, with a very full subject index. A useful feature of the classified portion is the inclusion of stories illustrative of specific subjects. Helpful annotations are given in nearly every case. The catalogue is in every respect a model of what such catalogues should be, and we hope that it will be regarded as a standard of excellence to be attained to by all who have charge of children's libraries.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP. [Prospectus]. Session 1921-22.

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APPOINTMENTS.

*J. P. LAMB, deputy librarian, Rochdale, to be deputy librarian, Sheffield. Salary £300. Also selected: *F. Barlow (Coventry); E. A. Bradbury (Sheffield); *J. T. Evans (Liverpool); A. E. Ibbotson (Sheffield); *F. W. C. Pepper (Birmingham); E. Sydney (Leeds).

*A. S. FIRTH, senior assistant, Birkenhead, to be cataloguing assistant, Sheffield. Salary £250. Also selected: *F. T. Sleight (Hull).

Eight candidates have been selected to appear before the Richmond (Surrey) Library Committee on 5th inst.

* Member, L.A.A.

NEWS ITEMS.

Rural Librarians High Salaries.—At the inaugural meeting of the Worcester Summer School for rural librarians, Mr. J. W. Willis Bund explained why the Worcester County Council had not established a county scheme by the astounding statement that the Carnegie Trustees were themselves responsible for the failure. "They insisted upon having librarians at such a high salary that it at once knocked the scheme on the head, because the county had to pay the salaries." We hope the rural librarians and prospective librarians were suitably impressed by the explanation. The minimum salary stipulated by the Trustees by the way is £300 a year. We should like Mr. Bund to tell us what he regards as a fair salary for a man or woman who is qualified to organize and maintain a system of libraries, and also who he suggests *should* pay the salaries.

A Contrast.—In his new book on "Training for Librarianship," J. H. Friedel tell us that in America the supply of librarians is insufficient; there are librarian posts with salaries from \$1,500 to \$3,000 that have been vacant for months, owing to the lack of suitable candidates. We wonder whether librarianship in this country will ever be in a similar happy—or unhappy—position! At the moment the boot is rather on the other leg.

A New Departure in Library Work at Battersea.—A class from one of the local elementary schools is given one lesson a week in the Reference Department. The teacher prepares a list of books on the subject to be taken, and from these the lesson is given, and an essay written. Scholars are also being brought from a number of schools and are given a short talk by a member of the staff, on the arrangement and use of the books in the Reference Department.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE CLASSES.

The above classes will commence in October. Mr. J. Hutt, Mr. H. A. Sharp, Mr. B. M. Headicar and Mr. James Ross are taking Sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 respectively. We have no information yet as to the Conductors in Sections 1 and 4—Miss Dormer Harris having resigned through ill health and Miss Fegan through pressure of work at Cambridge.

The fees are now twenty-five shillings for each section.

There are no Classes for the Elementary Examination and of course none for the Preliminary Test. Entries are required by October 10th at 33, Bloomsbury Square.

ESSAYS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION,

DECEMBER, 1921.

Section 1. English Literature: "The novels of Sir Walter Scott and their influence upon English writers of fiction."

Section 2. Bibliography: "The uses of Indexes in research, indicating especially the class of books which, although not ostensibly indexes, may afford help to the searcher." Explain how a library not strong in *ostensible* Indexes will nevertheless contain many encyclopedic and bibliographical works affording similar help to the searcher.

Section 3. Classification: "A Criticism of the Treatment and class association of Amusements, Sports, and Pastimes, in the Decimal, Subject and Library of Congress Classifications."

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